Judge Orders Memos Filed in Torres Case

Criminal District Judge Bernard Bagert has ordered the district attorney's staff and attorneys for Miguel Torres, a Cuban exile, to file memoranda with the court on whether Torres should be forced to testify before the grand jury probing an alleged conspiracy to kill President Kennedy.

Judge Bagert ordered the action yesterday after Torres refused to answer questions when he appeared before the grand jury.

The lawyers will file their briefs with Criminal Dist. Court Judge Malcom O'Hara, who will rule on the matter.

Torres, serving a prison term for burglary, said on a National Broadcasting Co. television show on Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe that the district attorney's office offered him his freedom, heroin and a paid vacation if he would help in the investigation.

In other probe developments, defense attorneys for accused plot conspirator Clay L. Shaw lost their fight to have testimony taken by deposition from Mrs. Lillie Mae McMaines, now in Des Moines.

Mrs. McMaines, known in New Orleans as Sandra Moffett, is a former girl friend of Perry Ramond Russo, the state's star witness in the Shaw case. She had refused to come to New Orleans, and extradition efforts have failed.

The ruling was handed down by Criminal Dist. Judge Edward A. Haggerty.

CHIEF defense attorney F. Irvin Dymond immediately filed a supplemental motion to quash the indictment against Shaw. Dymond said Mrs. McMaines' testimony was vital to Shaw's defense.

Also yetserday, attorney Milton Brener, defense counsel for network television investigator Walter Sheridan, accused of public bribery in connection with the probe, filed a motion to quash the charges against Sheridan on the ground that the state bribery statute is unconstitutional.

IN ANOTHER motion to bar Garrison as prosecutor in the case, Brener said Garrison had exhibited "personal animosity" toward Sheridan, and that Garrison has a "keen personal interest" in discrediting Sheridan because the TV reporter has disclosed evidence of bribery, intimidation and improper practices in the DA's office.

Brener also asked the court to hold a preliminary hearing to determine whether his client should go to trial. Brener contends there is no creditable evidence of Sheridan's guilt.